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BOBROV et al.

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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the following supplemental amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims to read as shown:

11. A decorative material, comprising:

two polarizers, wherein each polarizer has a controlled direction of polarization axis;

and

at least one phase-shifting plate placed between the polarizers, wherein the phase-shifting plate represents a continuous layer of an optically anisotropic material containing regions differing by value of phase shift and/or direction of fast optical axis.

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